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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WIDE-BODY CHARTER FLIGHTS TO VENEZUELA

1. TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (TIA) HAS BEEN CHARTERED TO TRANSPORT 12,000 FORD DEALERS TO VENEZUELA AND INTENDS TO UTILIZE A TOTAL OF 40 FLIGHTS BY DC-10 BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, 1973.

2. DURING PRELIMINARY TALKS IN CARACAS, TIA'S VICE PRESIDENT WAS ASSURED OF SUPPORT BY DIRECTOR CIVAIR AND PRESIDENT VENEZUELAN TOURISM CORPORATION (GOVERNMENT L LENCY). DIRECTOR CIVAIR MADE INITIAL OBJECTION AGAINST USE OF WIDE-BODY EQUIPMENT BUT IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT MORATORIUM IS ON DESIGNATED AIRLINES ONLY.

3. TIA' AGENT IN CARACAS NOW INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN DIRECTOR CIVAIR, REPRESENTATIVES OF VIASA AND OF TOURISM CORPORATION. VIASA VOICED OBJECTIONS AGAINST USE OF WIDE-BODY AIRCRAFT AND MEETING WAS ENDED WITH DIRECTOR AGREEING TO ASK CAB'S ASSURANCE THAT TIA'S DC-10 FLIGHTS WOULD IN NO WAY CONSTITUTE PRECEDENCE FOR PANAM'S EARLIER THAN STIPULATED USE OF WIDE-BODY AIRCRAFT ON REGULAR ROUTES.

4. DIRECTOR CIVAIR HAS NOT APPROACHED EMBASSY ON THIS. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY'S SOURCE HE INTENDS TO WRITE UNCLASSIFIED

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